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2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-15
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-15
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-15
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

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- 2 Clarity
Claims 1 to 3, and claims 12 to 13 are unclear and they do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT for the following reasons:
 - 2.1 Claims 1 and 12 do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The claims attempt to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved, that means enabling operation of display devices without using at least a server system to coordinate and manage the distribution of images across the multiple display devices, which merely amounts to a statement of the underlying problem, without providing the technical features necessary for achieving this result.
 - 2.2 Moreover, Although claims 1 and 12 have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness and as such do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.
 - 2.3 The expressions "capabilities" and "functionality" recited in the claims 2 to 3 and 13 are vague and unclear and leave the reader in doubt as to the meaning of the technical features to which they refer, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claims unclear, Article 6 PCT.
- 3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the

subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT. Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) a system which comprises a plurality of devices (page 1 line 3), wherein each of said plurality of devices is configured to enable screen sharing from one of said devices to the other of said devices (page 1, lines 27 to 30, and page 9 line 6 to 7); and a screen connect function resident on at least one of said plurality of devices (page 4 lines 9 to 15 and page 5 line 27 to page 6 line 7), wherein activation of said screen connect function initiates said screen sharing between the plurality of devices (page 4 lines 16 to 20, illustrated with the figure 1).

4 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 12

What has been said above with reference to system claim 1 concerns device claim 12 mutatis mutandis, as device claim 12 contains only technical features relating to the obvious purpose of the system claim 1, and, as the same prior art as above mentioned is relevant.

5 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-11, 13-15

Dependent claims 2-11, 13-15 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty (Article 33(2) PCT).

- 5.1 D1 further discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) that said screen sharing includes at least one of sharing display capabilities and functionality from one of said plurality of devices to an other of said plurality of devices (page 7 line 13 to 16 and line 23 to 25).
The subject-matter of claims 2, 13 and 14 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
- 5.2 Then, D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) that the display capabilities of said one of said plurality of devices is more limited than the display capabilities of said other of said plurality of devices (page 8 lines 6 to line 12).
The subject-matter of claim 3 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

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5.3 Then, D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) that the processing capabilities of one of said plurality of devices is more limited than the processing capabilities of said other of said plurality of devices (page 8 lines 6 to line 12).
The subject-matter of claim 4 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

5.4 Then, D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) that one of said plurality of devices is a cellular telephone (page 3 line 30).
The subject-matter of claim 5 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

5.5 Then, D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) that one of said plurality of devices is a personal digital assistant device (page 1 line 27 to line 29).
The subject-matter of claim 6 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

5.6 Then, D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) that a display of said one of said plurality of devices is transferred to a display of said other of said plurality of devices (page 3 line 13 to line 31).
The subject-matter of claim 7 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

5.7 Then, D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) that said display of said one of said plurality of devices is transferred as at least one of an HTML, XML, or HAVi-DDI screen description (page 4 line 32 to page 33 line 4). The subject-matter of claim 8 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

5.8 Then, D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) that a portion of a user interface of said one of said plurality of devices is transferred to said other of said plurality of devices to operate as a portion of the user interface of said one of said plurality of devices (page 3 line 13 to line 31). The subject-matter of claims 9 and 15 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

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subject-matter of claim 10 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

5.10 Then, D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) that close proximity between each of said plurality of devices enables a screen connect icon on one of said plurality of devices to enable activation of said screen connect function (page 3 lines 26 and 27 and page 8 lines 25 to 28). The subject-matter of claim 11 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

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